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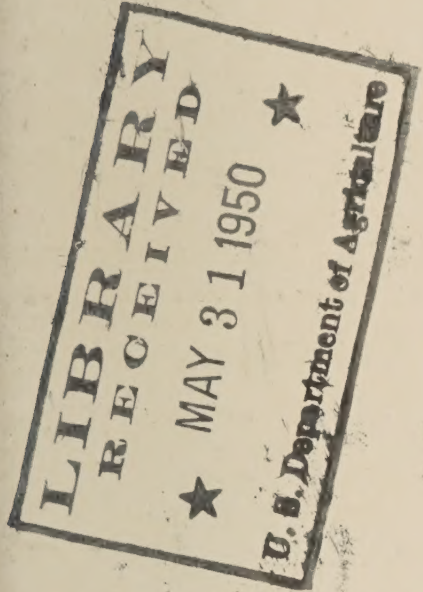
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Chesterton, Indiana

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To Friends and Customers

Having sold a part of our land, we must clear it for the new owners. The list of Iris offered here, priced for quick clearance, are varieties grown on that land. All orders will be booked as received; we do not expect the stock to last long at these prices.

In addition, we will be glad to make collection or quantity prices on any and all of our over one thousand varieties of Tall Bearded, Spuria, Siberian and Dwarf Iris. Send us your want list for quotation.

Shipments start about July 10th, continuing through September. Please state desired shipping date.

Tall Bearded Iris

ACTION FRONT. Fine red	\$.65
ALBA SUPERBA. Outstanding white (10 only)	1.50
AMANDINE. High ranking cream (3 only)	5.00
AMIGO. Lovely violet purple .....	.25
ANNE NEWHARD. Blue standards, purple falls .....	.35
ARCTIC. Large, fine cream white .....	.25
AZTEC GLORY. Glowing copper red .....	.65
AZURE SKIES. Ruffled azure blue .....	.75
BANDMASTER. Tall large blue	1.25
BERKELEY GOLD. Top ranking yellow .....	.65
BLUE RHYTHM. Choice cornflower blue (10 only)	2.50
BLUE SHIMMER. Fine blue white plicata.....	1.00
BLUE ZENITH. Clear sky blue .....	.40
BONSOR. Deep velvety blue .....	.25
BUFFAWN. Buff and fawn .....	.25
BUTTERCUP LANE. Free flowering yellow ..	.25
BURGUNDY ROSE. Large amethyst rose	1.75
CAROLINE BURR. Cool, soft ivory .....	.60
CASCADE SPLENDOR. Brilliant pink gold blend (5 only)	2.00
CHICORY BLUE. Large, chicory blue	1.25
CHANTILLY. Lacy orchid pink (10 only).....	2.00
CHINA MAID. Tall soft lilac pink .....	.25
CLOUD CASTLE. Large wisteria blue; fine....	1.75
DAMASCUS. Large, brilliant yellow	2.00
DAYBREAK. Copper pink blend .....	.75
DEB'S DELIGHT. Early, free blooming pink..	1.50
DISPLAY. Fine red (very few) .....	.60
EASTER BONNET. Large rhodenite pink	1.50
ELMOHR. Large mulberry purple .....	.60
ELSA SASS. Lemon yellow; beautiful .....	.35
FAIR ELAINE. Choice two-toned yellow .....	.30

FAIRY LUSTRE. Primrose yellow; very early	.50
FASHION PLATE. Gold bearded lavender (few) .....	.75
FIESTA. Sparkling copper .....	.35
FIRECRACKER. Dark red plicata; choice	2.50
FLORA CAMPBELL. Warm red brown .....	.25
FLORA ZENOR. Medium sized free flowering pink .....	.35
FORTUNE. Old gold, touched with red .....	.50
FROSTY MOON. Lavender tinted white .....	.75
GLEN ELLEN. Large golden tan .....	.25
GOLDEN EAGLE. Large clear yellow .....	.75
GOLDEN FLEECE. Outstanding lemon cream .....	.75
GOLDEN GLOW. Free flowering gold .....	.25
GOLDEN MADONNA. Early, huge creamy yellow .....	.60
GOLDEN TREASURE. Shimmering cream; fine .....	.35
GRAND CANYON. Plum copper blend .....	.50
GREAT LAKES. Choice blue (very few) .....	.50
GYPSY BARON. Deep blue purple plicata ..	.60
HARRIET THOREAU. Orchid pink self (7 only)	1.00
HELEN McGREGOR. Dykes winning blue (3 only)	6.00
HIA MIA. Large empire yellow (5 only)	1.00
JAKE. Excellent garden white .....	.40
JASMINE. Bright golden yellow (very few) ..	2.00
KATHERINE FAY. Hardy large late white	1.50
L. MERTON GAGE. Salmon pink .....	.60
LADY BOSCAWEN. Frilled pure white (very few)	5.00
LADY MOHR. Odd oyster white	1.50
LADY OF SHALOTT. Pink and white plicata ..	.50
LAKE GEORGE. Soft blue violet	2.00
LAKE HURON. Fine bright blue .....	.35
LAVENDER AND GOLD LACE. Yellow and lavender; lacy	1.00
LORD DONGAN. Attractive violet .....	.60
MAJENICA. Large pink blend .....	.50
MANDALAY. Reddish rose .....	.50
MATTERHORN. Pure white .....	.35
MATULA. Deep pink blend .....	.25
MAY DAY. Large apricot copper .....	.25
MELANIE. Ruffled orchid pink .....	.40
MELITZA. Salmon toned, tangerine beard ....	.35
MIDWEST GEM. Ruffled peach toned .....	.35
MING YELLOW. Huge fine yellow (very few) ..	.50
MINNIE COLQUITT. White plicata (5 only) ..	1.25
MISS CALIFORNIA. Large rosy pink .....	.25
MISSOURI. Fine medium blue.....	.25
MOON RAY. Tall light cream	1.00
MOUNT HERMON. Thick textured cool white ..	2.00
MULBERRY ROSE. Large mulberry rose ....	.60
NIGHTFALL. Dark pansy purple .....	.40
OLA KALA. Fine orange yellow	1.00
ORCHID LADY. Large lilac pink .....	.50
OREGON TRAIL. Large brown and gold ....	.75
ORMOHR. Huge light lavender .....	.35
PERSIAN PRINCE. Brilliant red-yellow vari- egata .....	.35
PESHAWAR. Bronze purple; early .....	.25
PRAIRIE SUNSET. Sparkling sunset blend ....	.60
PATRICE. Cream lavender plicata (very few) ..	1.25
RUTH POLLOCK. Yellow and red plicata .....	.35
SABLE. Deep lustrous black .....	.60
SALAR. Large brown gold blend .....	.50
SAMOVAR. Brilliant early copper blend .....	.35

SHANNOPIN. Yellow standards, pink falls .....	.50
SHERIFFA. Vigorous red purple pogocyclus ..	.50
SHOW GIRL. Rose self, orange beard	1.00
SIEGFRIED. Large, popular plicata .....	.35
SNOW CARNIVAL. Fine ruffled white (10 only)	1.25
SNOW FLURRY. Best blue white .....	.75
SNOW VELVET. Heavy substantanced white .....	.75
SORREL TOP. Novelty rose yellow plicata (10)	.60
SPUN GOLD. Dykes winning bright gold ....	.60
STORM KING. Velvety black purple (very few) .....	.75
SUNDANCE. Rose and orange blend; bright ..	.35
SUNSHINE. Gay, bright yellow .....	.50
TAPESTRY ROSE. Large soft old rose .....	.60
TEA ROSE. Fine copper pink (10 only)	1.00
THE ADMIRAL. Intense medium blue .....	.60
THE RED DOUGLAS. Tall, dark red (very few) .....	.60
THELMA JEAN. Early flowering violet .....	.25
THE CAPITOL. Large, stellar white	1.50
TIFFANY. Popular gay plicata .....	.35
TREASURE ISLAND. Vivid yellow .....	.25
VATICAN PURPLE. Magnificent blue purple	1.50
WABASH. Showy white and violet .....	.35
WEST POINT. Trim late flowering indigo blue	.35
WHITE GODDESS. Very fine white .....	.50
WORTHINGTON. Rosy red bicolor .....	.50
YELLOW JEWEL. Large bright yellow .....	.50

Orders of \$2.50 and over will be sent parcel post prepaid. Orders under this amount will be shipped charges collect.

DWARF IRIS. We have about 40 named varieties. Send us your want list. A fine collection of 10 varieties, all different, unlabeled, \$1.50. Shipment any time after June 1st.

POPPIES. We have lost the labels off some of our good Oriental poppies. We offer red, pink or orange poppies, unlabeled, good strong roots, 50c each or 3 for \$1.25. Supply limited. Shipment after August 1st.

PEONIES AND HEMEROCALLIS. Some fine buys will be listed in our fall circular. Ask for it.

Nearby customers, please drive out this spring and summer, see the perennials in bloom, and select what you want, all at rare, money-saving prices. We have choice long spurred columbine, double painted daisies, chrysanthemums and other perennials.

TOPNOTCH GARDENS are located fronting U.S. 20, 15 miles east of Gary, or 10 miles west of Michigan City, Indiana. Look for sign along highway. Entrance to nursery is off first road north of U.S. 20.

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Growers of Quality Perennials

CHESTERTON, INDIANA

Phone Chesterton 2921

For Cut Flowers

You will find the Siberian and Spuria Iris ideal for cut flowers, for they are easy to get to the flower show in perfect condition, and long lasting as bouquets. Below are a few we grow for this purpose, also other perennials ideally suited for cutting.

SIBERIAN IRIS

Gatineau. Large flowered, clear bright blue 75c

Caesar's Brother. Rich pansy violet..... 75c

Snowcrest. Frilled, sparkling white 75c

These are nice-sized clumps, sure to bloom in 1952. Shipment after Sept. 1st. Plant in full sun or light shade, in the regular perennial border or in a moist location. Plant much deeper than Tall Bearded Iris, and mulch heavily the first winter. Leave clumps undisturbed for four or five years.

SPURIA IRIS

Gold Nugget. Free-blooming bright yellow\$1.00

Shelford Giant. Tall, creamy white, with bright yellow signal patch. Likes lots of moisture and very rich soil. An exceedingly fine "corsage flower"\$1.50

Our roots are large and good. Stock is limited. Shipment after Sept. 1st.

PYRETHRUM

Pink Beauty. Large deep pink blooms with lighter center 50c

Miami Queen. Rosy pink, semi-double, long, strong stems, very rapid growing.... 50c

Victory. Pure white, very double. Grows more slowly than the pink ones 65c

These plants will be sent in early September, and are good strong ones. Be sure to mulch heavily first winter. Soil should be rich and well drained. These should be divided every two years to prevent formation of "woody centers" which decreases blooming.

We have a few selected single and double Pyrethrum, from our own seedlings, at \$2.00 for six plants. These are mainly light to deep pink, with a few bright red.

PEONIES

When the Peonies are in bloom, we mark the best ones for cut flowers. We have some good seedling Peonies, in light pink, deep pink, white, and red. We

will send you three different ones for \$2.00 or six, all different, for \$3.50. Shipment after Sept. 10th.

OTHER IRIS FOR CUTTING

We have a few Table and Intermediate Iris that often are in bloom for Mother's Day in a good season, and frequently continue up until Decoration Day. Their stems are short and slender, so they make nice bouquets or low table arrangements. We'll select six, all different, for \$1.25. Shipments begin July 10th.

TULIPS AND DAFFODILS

Year after year customers come out, seeking our fresh cut flowers for Mother's Day. Red and white tulips are favorites, as are the large, late blooming daffodils. Of recent times the novel Parrot Tulips have been in great demand. We'll send you 25 Tulips and 25 Daffodils, selected for cutting, for \$4.00, or 100 (50 Tulips and 50 Daffodils) for \$7.50. In both collections you'll find some of the newer Daffodils and some of the "best, long stemmed" Parrots that today are being used by high fashion florists in window displays and outstanding home arrangements. Shipments of these bulbs begin in September.

Gift Boxes

Every year we send out more and more gift boxes of plants and bulbs. Our customers order them sent to friends, relatives, new home owners, and occasionally even a "new baby" gift. We'll be glad to send any of the above items as a gift box number, with your personal card, or using one of our appropriate cards. Such boxes are beautifully packed, with careful planting instructions included. We'll be glad to make up special gift boxes for you, any time, from \$2.50 up.

Growing Knowledge

The knowledge of how to grow flowers well comes from one source only—experience. Deanette M. Small, the owner of Topnotch Gardens, and former garden editor of the Chicago Herald-American, has had over a quarter century of general farm and garden growing. Those who have heard her speak on the practical side of horticulture or how to plan a successful flower show admit that her lectures are "alive, stimulating, and most educational."

If your garden or woman's club needs a good, live speaker this coming fall and winter, now is the time to prepare for it. Full information on dates available, lecture subjects and prices mailed on request. Write James H. Small, Manager, Waldean Farm, Chesterton, Indiana.

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